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SUBJECT: GOU ACCUSES TANZANIA

SUMMARY: GOU SAYS THAT SOLDIER WHO REPORTEDLY DEFECCTED TO TANZANIA WAS NOT UGANDAN AND WAS FORMER GUERRILLA WHO ATTACKED UGANDA. GOU ALSO ACCUSES TANGOV OF CONTINUED AGGRESSION AND CITES AS EXAMPLE ITS ACCUSATION THAT BURUNDI BOMBED TANZANIAN VILLAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 22, GOU MILITARY SPOKESMAN ISSUED STATEMENT IN WHICH HE DENIED THAT SOLDIER WHO ACCORDING TANGOV DEFECTED TO TANZANIA IS UGANDAN. HE SAID SOLDIER WAS ONE OF GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED UGANDA LAST YEAR. SOLDIER HAD FOUND CONDITIONS UNBEARABLE IN TANZANIA, HE ADDED, AND WAS TRYING TO RETURN TO UGANDA WHEN TPDF ARRESTED HIM.

2. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TANZANIA CONTINUED TO TRAIN GUERRILLAS TO ATTACK UGANDA AND HAS NOW BECOME ENEMY OF AFRICA AS WHOLE.

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AS EXAMPLE OF QTE TANZANIA' S DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS AT AGGRESSION UNQTE, SPOKESMAN CITED TANGOV ACCUSATION THAT BURUNDI HAD BOMBED TANZANIAN VILLAGE. SPOKESMAN THEN ASSURED BURUNDI THAT SHE SHOULD NOT WORRY FOR UGANDA WILL SUPPORT HER MILITARILY IF NEEDED.

3. SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT UGANDA KNEW THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS BECOMING WEAKER (IN POPULAR SUPPORT) EVERY DAY AND THAT HE NOW RELIES ON FOREIGNERS. ACCORDING GOU NYERERE RECENTLY TRIED TO MOBILIZE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA AGAINST UGANDA BUT THEY HAD REFUSED AND THIS WAS ENCOURAGING TO UGANDA.
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